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SPRITE IN YOU WITH ARSENIO HALL

ATLANTA--The "People's Choice" Favorite Late-night Talk Show Host, Arsenio Hall, will add his own comic twist to Sprite this spring.

Coca-Cola USA this month launches a major national promotion exclusively for Sprite, the nation's leading lemon-time soft drink, and diet Sprite, one of the country's fastest-growing diet soft drinks.

The extensive spring emphasis period for Sprite will combine the "I Like the Sprite in You" campaign with a national "Sprite Night" sweepstakes centered around one of America's hottest entertainers.

NEWARK RECYCLING DEPOT OPENS CLOTHING DROP-OFF BOX

Gregory Neverson, the city's recycling coordinator, said that Newark residents can use the distinctive blue and white box to help reduce the waste stream by passing on unwanted, but usable clothing that would otherwise be discarded.

Neverson added that clothing turned in at the recycling depot will be picked up by Goodwill Industries and sold at thrift stores to help fund its vocational training program for the disabled and disadvantaged. The collection program also provides employment to Goodwill trainees who sort, hang and ticket the garments.

Concert pays tribute to 81-year-old community activist

PLAINFIELD--When most men half his age are planning for their retirement, 81-year-old George F. Hetfield Sr. attends to business in his Plainfield law office five days a week. He attributes

his stamina to daily four-mile walks at a brisk pace.

"They say the law is a jealous mistress and it takes all of your time," said the Plainfield resident,

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The Newark City Council recognized and commended the members of the Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County for their efforts to achieve greater impact on urban population by designating programs to include more underserved girls between the ages of 5 and 17. The Council commended Carmen West, Judy V. McNeil, Geneth Hunter, Marilyn J. Thomas and Judith Diggs and members for their significant contributions to the City of Newark.

Photo by Reginald Ward

Tucker blasts cable law

Newark Councilman-at-Large Donald Tucker appearing at a hearing held by the Federal Communications Commission in St. Louis, Mo., testified on behalf of the Newark City Council on the problems that the city has encountered with cable television since government deregulation took effect in 1984.

Tucker's testimony reflected the frustrating sense of incapacity that city officials have been grappling with in their efforts to ensure reasonably priced, city-wide service that answers the

community's need for entertainment and enlightenment.

He said that with the advent of deregulation, there would be, as promised, better technology, competitiveness and improved service at reasonable rates. Instead, he said, "The cable system has evolved into virtual monopolies essentially answerable and responsible to no governmental authority and responsive least of all to the public they are franchised to serve."

Tucker placed blame for the cable mess squarely in the hands

of the FCC, claiming that following the FCC's deregulation of the

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Arts center to generate 10,400 jobs and \$1 billion for state economy

NEWARK--The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, to be built in the heart of the Newark business district, will become a magnet for an annual audience of 650,000 people and will increase economic activity in the State by \$35 million and in the City of Newark by \$25 million annually, according to an Economic Impact Study announced today. The construction phase of the Center and the surrounding Cultural District will generate 10,400 construction jobs and stimulate \$1 billion of new economic activity for the State.

The anticipated economic impact of the NJPAC was unveiled today at a press conference attended by Governor Jim Florio, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, and representatives of the State and City economic development and cultural communities. Henry E. Kates, president and CEO of Mutual Benefit Life and a NJPAC Board member, hosted the conference.

The firm of Hamilton, Rabinowitz & Aschuler, Inc., which conducted the research, has

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George Hetfield



The League of Women Voters of Newark held its first observance of Women's History Month. The program, held at Newark's Public Library, was a special tribute to Women Newarkers of Note. Among those honored were (left to right) Senator Wynona Lipman, Christine Trigg, N.J. Council of Churches; Larkie Starks, Essex County Registrar; Elizabeth Del Tufo, Newark Landmark and Preservation Committee; Clara Dean, founder of the Russell Academy; Golden Johnson, municipal judge; and Program Chairperson, Dorothea Lee.

Photo by Glen Friesen

Newark students take to streets to protest lack of African History in curriculum

by Marilyn Herod

Frustrated and disgruntled students from the Newark high schools marched to City Hall last Wednesday to protest for multicultural curriculum and for improved health conditions at the schools. "We want to know more about ourselves," said Juba Dowdell, one of the leaders of the student activist group. "We are not

satisfied with the present curriculum."

The student demands to implement more multicultural studies and improved school facilities were presented to Mayor Sharpe James, Schools Superintendent Eugene Campbell, school board

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The 1990 Census: What will it find?

WASHINGTON (AP)--"So, tell me about yourself," the Census Bureau is about to ask Americans, a bit like an eager young man in a singles bar.

Both suitor and statistician think they already know some of the answers. But, inevitably, both will hear things they didn't expect.

"There were some surprises in 1980 and we also expect some

surprises in 1990," says William P. Butz, associate director of the Census Bureau.

"There are things we think are happening but, come the '90 census, we'll find that some of that is wrong," Butz acknowledges.

What surprises are likely? With Census Day set for April 1, and months of effort to follow in compiling and analyzing the numbers, Butz says simply, "I don't know yet."

While the Census Bureau takes a national head count only once every 10 years, it is constantly taking sample surveys and has a pretty good idea of what's going on with the nation's quarter-billion people.

The 1990 census will find not only a bigger population than in 1980, but one that is different in many ways. Americans are older, live in different places, have a larger ethnic component and have changed socially and economically in the last decade.

Anticipating what the April

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Commentary Students in Vanguard for change

by Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.

Newark high school students have taken a major step that could lead to a major turn around in the education of urban children. The school walkout marks a turning point in history? As far as I know, the walkout is the first time in recent years African American children in New Jersey have demonstrated in an attempt to improve their education and against an administration controlled by African Americans. Therefore, the recent demonstration by Newark school students to include more African American History in the curriculum should be observed very closely. There is a significant message in their actions and in no response to their actions.

Students from several schools and some parents have complained, for some time, about conditions at some Newark school buildings. Students, especially, have asked, "Why can't we be taught our history, too?" Basically, they want their curriculum to include more than a token reference to African Americans and Latinos. With actions and a tone reminiscent of the young in the mid '60s, these kids are saying to predominantly

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Photo by Glen Friesen

Florio appoints James to Housing Council

Mayor Sharpe James has been nominated by Gov. Jim Florio to serve on the state Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

James, whose nomination must be approved by the State Senate, replaces former Newark Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, who has resigned from the Council.

COAH was set up by the New Jersey State Legislature to carry out the State Supreme Court's

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Samuel Miller, director of the Newark Museum, listens to the study results

CITY PEOPLE



Newark City Council recognized and commended the 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc., for their invaluable contributions to the residents of Newark, New Jersey.

Photo by Reginald Ward



New Jersey's First Lady, Lucinda Florio, gave the keynote address at a breakfast sponsored by United Way of Essex and West Hudson to launch its Literacy Awareness Week Campaign. The breakfast was held at Newark's Hilton Hotel.

Photo by Glen Friesen



Dennys Williams, president of the Association for Rehabilitation with Kindness which is organizing a benefit theatre party for the fourth production *Yesterday* in support of that organization, with Plainfield Councilwoman Fahesmah El Amin and her husband Siddiq El Amin and Grace Friedericks.

Photo by Alvin Hester



Attending the opening production of "Zora Neale Hurston are Elizabeth Van Dyke who played Zora and Herman LeVern Jones, acting artistic director of Grant Avenue's Kean-Brown Theatre's 1990 season.

Photo by Alvin Hester



Darell Andre Richardson with Al Hester, coordinator of Plainfield NAACP Youth Group attend opening performance.



A group of concerned citizens attended a meeting held at UMDNJ convened by the Newark Collaboration Group (NCG). The NCG is attempting to mobilize all sectors of the City of Newark to find workable solutions to substance abuse issues. Among those attending were: Claude Wallace, Manager of the Newark Health Department, Blanche Halleman for Congressman's Payne office, George Hampton from UMDNJ and Dr. Paulette Coleman, executive director of NCG.

Photo by Glen Friesen

Community Calendar

Saturday, March 31

The Fifth Annual All-Parish Fish and Chips dinner will be held at Holy Cross Church in North Plainfield from 5 to 7 p.m. For further information call 201-756-2438.

A Chinese Auction will be held at the Jerseyland Park Community Center, 783 Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains beginning at 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 1

Councilman George Branch will showcase the musical and theatrical talents of Principal from the Newark School system at the Newark Museum, 43 Washington Street from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a day for students to see their administrators in cultural and social roles and well-rounded role models. For further information call 201-733-8058.

Monday, April 2

The Association of Black Law Students at Rutgers School of Law-Newark will sponsor a panel discussion: African American Strategies for the 1990's. All are invited to attend from 6 to 8 p.m. For further information call 201-648-5236.

Thursday, April 5

The third annual Job Fair will be held in Union County College's Cranford Campus Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New Jersey Bell, Overlook Hospital, Kings Super

Markets, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and United Parcel Service will have representatives on hand to provide detailed information on ways to begin careers within their structures. Local hospitals and banks will also be represented. For further information call 709-7142.

The next scheduled meeting of the Plainfield Task Force on Homelessness will be at 10 a.m. in the City Hall Library 515 Watching Avenue.

April 7 - 14

"Springtime at Questover," sponsored by the Plainfield Symphony Society Auxiliary will include over 200 crafters offering everything from silk flower arrangements to toiletries and clothing. The hours are Monday - Friday 11-7 p.m. Saturday 10-5 p.m. Sunday 12 noon-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

Friends of the Newark section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. invites the public to come and enjoy a country breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at Willmar's Country Kitchen 865 Springfield Ave (corner of Maple Ave.) Irvington. For a cash donation of \$5 you can enjoy a sumptuous country breakfast as well as the fellowship of local NCNW supporters. Newark section members in your community. Reservations will be accepted at the door.

Sunday, April 8

The Newark Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. is hosting a candidates' forum beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Abyssinian Baptist Church 224 West Kenney St. Newark for all Newark residents interested in meeting the candidates running for the at-large city council seats. The National Council of Negro Women, Newark Section, a non-profit volunteer service organization established in Newark for over 25 years feels this forum would allow Newark voters a chance to personally and informally familiarize themselves with the candidates and the issues prior to the May 8 municipal election. For further information about this event please contact Mary Cohen-Bundy during the day at 201-376-2100 or in the evenings at 672-2806.

Dr. Fred Lathrop, Walter Swals and Thomas van Arsdale will be honored at King's Daughters Day School in Plainfield by the board of trustees at a reception held from 3-6 p.m. Winners of the "It's a Small World" photo contest will be joining the celebration and displaying their work which will be on exhibit during the week of April 2 through April 7 at the Plainfield Public Library. For further information call 756-7788.

IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW

YES NO

Is it important to know the positive accomplishments of African American men & women, boys & girls, religious, educational, social, civic and political leaders?

YES NO

Is it important for you to know the stores & companies that want African American business & want to hire African Americans?

YES NO

Is it important for you to know what is happening in your churches, schools, civic & social organizations, and city government and its agencies?

YES NO

Is it important that your voice be heard in the community?

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What will Census find

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count will find, here's a look at the Census Bureau's most recent estimates:

HOW MANY

The U.S. population was estimated at 249.6 million as of Jan. 1 and should be close to 250 million by April 1, up from 226.5 million in 1980.

The first census, in 1790, counted 3.9 million people. That's just slightly more than now live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

WHO

Hispanics now make a big dent in America's consciousness, having increased to more than 20 million people as they flooded into the country in recent years.

Hispanics now account for 8.4 percent of the population, up from 6.4 percent in the 1980 census.

That means Hispanics are growing faster than the general population.

"Immigration accounted for about half of the overall gain," said Carmen DeNavas of the Census Bureau. "Since 1982 the Central and South American population here has grown 67 percent."

The location and characteristics of immigrants will be of interest this time, Butz said.

In 1980 the bureau was surprised at the lack of education among Haitian immigrants, for example, and it located some unexpected pockets of new arrivals.

The nation's racial breakdown also is changing.

In 1980, 85.9 percent of Americans were white, 11.7 percent were black and 2.3 percent were Asian or members of other races. Estimates for 1990 anticipate the white share will be down to 84.2 percent, with blacks up to 12.4 percent and Asians and others rising to 3.4 percent.

The 1980s appear to be the first decade in at least 100 years when more blacks moved to the South than left it, and the census hopes to learn more about that trend, Butz said.

Getting an accurate count of minorities is an important effort this time, since studies of the 1980 census concluded blacks were mislabeled more often than whites.

FAMILIES

Families including a married couple account for just 56 percent of all households, down from 61 percent in 1980 and 70 percent in 1970, reflecting the growth in single people and one-parent families.

Family size also has been declining as people have fewer children. In 1980 there were 79 youths aged 18 and under for every 100 families. By 1989 that was down to 69.

The 1990 count may find the decline in childbearing is easing, however, as women who put off having families to complete schooling and start careers decide to have children.

"We are seeing significant changes in the number of women in their 30s having children. Women are postponing their first births and opting for more education and more time in the labor force," says Amara Bachu, a Census Bureau statistician.

STEPCHILDREN

The growth of single-parent families stemming from divorce also has allowed for more remarriages. Hence, the number of stepchildren grew to 6.8 million by 1985, up 15 percent from 1980. It is expected to prove even higher in 1990.

Historically there have been far fewer children in one-parent homes, with more of those children in homes headed by a widowed, rather than divorced, parent, says Arlene Saluter of the Census Bureau.

WIVES

Wives' earnings were increasing at twice the rate of husbands' in the 1980s. But wives still earn half of what their husbands bring home.

From 1980 to 1987, wives' earnings rose 23 percent, compared to a 12 percent growth for their husbands. But wives still averaged \$13,250, compared to \$29,150 for their husbands.

WHERE

The nation's center of population is continuing its trek south and west. The mythical point where the nation could balance if everyone weighed the same crossed the Mississippi River in

1980, winding up in Missouri.

Since then the Sun Belt states have continued to lead the nation in growth. In the 1980s, California added 4 million people, the most of any state. Indeed, California, Texas and Florida accounted for half the national growth in the decade.

HOW OLD

The nation continues to age as the giant post-World War II baby boom generation matures.

The median age of the United States hit 30 in 1980, grew to 32.1 by 1987 and will be even higher when the 1990 count is complete. Median means that half of all Americans are older than that age and half younger.

CITIES

In addition to moving to the South and the West, Americans have been concentrating growth in metropolitan areas in the 1980s, in contrast to the 1970s, when rural areas experienced a boom.

The result has been city growth in the Sun Belt, with places such as San Diego, Jacksonville, Fla., and San Jose,

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On the Money

The economics of apartheid: Do sanctions work? Just ask one of the natives of Ansenbia, an African country whose imminent independence came as a result of the sanctions upon South Africa. South Africa had been spending about \$700 million a year there but because of the war that was very costly and the sanctions, it can no longer stay and has allowed free elections after 20 years of struggle. Fact is, the sanctions that have been globally imposed, combined with the country's unrest have caused South Africa to lose \$10 billion over the last five years. Unemployment, inflation, immigration, high national debt—all are consequences of the apartheid system. And while the world is jubilant over Mandela's release, Randall Robinson, the founder of the TransAfrica Forum maintains that the sanctions must stay in place. Said Robinson, "news media distorted the meaning of Mandela's release, tremendously. Mr. de Klerk has done nothing to implement reform in the South African system,—to dismantle the pillars of the apartheid system. We are in the very early stages of the South African government consideration of reform. Nothing has changed except Mandela's release, and it means simply that he has left a smaller prison for a larger one. He still cannot vote. He still cannot move about freely and he still is subject to all of the laws that he was subject to before he went into prison 27 years ago." Today, what that translates into is up to 60-75% unemployment in many South African townships, and blacks making less than 10% of their white counterparts. Never mind the minuscule amounts spent on the education and health care. Meanwhile, in the states Robinson says "a major part of our problem is kind of a massive public ignorance." To which end, the organization is holding a major fundraiser headlining Bill Cosby, with a score of Hollywood notables and superstars slated to attend. In fact, so impressive was the lineup and so relative the issue, that \$100,000 was reportedly raised before any tickets were sold. The dinner is to benefit the campaign to develop a 20,000 square foot library and resource center. The renovation will cost at least

\$3 million. To find out how you can help, contact TransAfrica Forum, 545 Eight St SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Cosbys Charge Former Business Manager With Embezzlement: Attorneys for comedian Bill Cosby and his wife Camille recently presented arguments before a Los Angeles federal bankruptcy judge to appoint a trustee to oversee \$10 million in assets held by their former business manager. The celebrated couple sued Mary Waller last fall, charging that she embezzled over \$8.5 million over a period of eight years. Waller had been chief financial officer of their Santa Monica-based personal services corporation. Waller countered by filing for protection under Chapter 11. The Cosbys then sought to have her declared incompetent of managing her funds, alleging that she used cocaine and misappropriated their monies. In a declaration filed last December, Cosby alleged that non-business related petty cash expenditures totaled \$17,340.61. W-2 forms for the past two years show that the Cosby's paid Waller an annual salary of \$700,000. Court records state that the Cosbys also paid off the mortgage on her Malibu home, while loaning Waller \$70,000 per month from December 1988 through May 1989. However, Waller says the money was part of her compensation, while stating further that she often used her own funds to help cover their lavish spending habits, "because the Cosbys were notorious for having their bank accounts overdrawn in as much as seven-figure amounts." **In Short:** "House Party", the low-budget black teen comedy, caught the film industry by surprise it's first week out, placing number three in the nation's box office totals and grossing \$4.6 million. Roy Roberts, was the auto industry's highest ranking black exec when he resigned his position as VP of personnel and administration at General Motors in 1988, to take a job with Navistar International. However, Roberts has now announced that he will return to GM as manufacturing chief for its Cadillac division.

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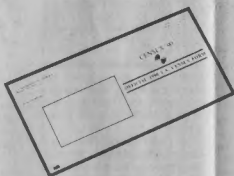
Voting Power

Representation in Congress, state legislatures and local voting districts is based on census numbers.

Recognition

Pride in your heritage is reflected in accurate census totals.

Answer the Census!



CENSUS '90



Census Day—April 1, 1990

Answer the Census.
It Counts for More Than You Think.

COMMENTARY

Editorial

Plainfield centers should serve teens

One of the most important opportunities available for us to help our young is through the formal and informal recreational programs and activities that teach them how to win, lose, and participate on a team. Plainfield is blessed, more than many communities, with facilities that could serve more of our teenagers. However, because of long standing personal and territorial fights, the need to rely on government funding for day care, and the lack of a citywide plan, Plainfield's teenagers are without a center that serves their needs.

The mayor and council should lead the fight for our teenagers. We believe that the mayor and council should put together a task force charged to improve recreational services for teenagers. This task force should, especially, look into ways the community centers can serve teenagers.

To reclaim our community centers as RECREATIONAL/LEARNING CENTERS for our teenagers will contribute to the community by providing teenagers with constructive outlets. Plainfield has a YMCA, YWCA, the GRANT AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER, Neighborhood House and South Second Street Youth Center in six square miles. While each facility has its own set of problems all are under utilized. Each facility could specialize in a specific area such as: theater, dance, technology, table games, or electronics combined with physical exercises and social activities for teenager and create an innovative environment to engage our youth.

The City of Plainfield should promote and do as much to tell our children about the recreational activities available and encourage participation as they do telling our children about drugs and the problems of teenage pregnancy. Our teenagers need as much attention for participating in activities to build themselves and their community as the attention they get for the "say no to drugs" campaign. Most of them already know that drugs are not good for them. But what else are we giving them to do...

Students in Vanguard for change

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African American administrators. "We want to be taught about our history, the contributions of our people to America. We want to know how you got your job."

In spite of the assertion that the students' timing may be politically expedient, the students need to be otherwise the fact that students have a basis to demonstrate on this issue is ironic and troubling.

Most of the members of color on the board of education and in the administration are there because people of color demanded that people of color be in the administration, and be a part of the policy making process, thinking that their presence alone would make a difference. To the contrary, the presence of "color alone," has not brought about the positive improvements desired. Rather the added color has maintained the status quo, not contributed the insights, courage, or commitment expected by the community, and has confounded the issues that must be addressed in order to create the real changes needed to develop our children intellectually.

Rather than lead and encourage positive changes which will motivate children to achieve, our business as usual "colored folks" have become content receiving their checks and scolding the community for sending them poor ignorant children. They fail to realize that we know the conditions of our families; we know that they are unemployed, underemployed, or not employed. We don't need anyone to give us that as an excuse for not teaching them. After all, isn't that what teaching is about? What we wonder is why our future is not

being given more under your supervision under your stewardship. For the last thirty years we have been told money is the problem. And over the last thirty years we have seen a money increase but intellectual development decrease. "The white schools have more money than the black schools," is the retort. You bet they do! Look who has the jobs and businesses. While I believe that we should have a more equitable funding formula, the truth is, white folks would still have better schools because they demand more for their children and they get it.

We have always had to do more with less. During slavery it was a crime for Africans to speak to each in their native tongue, it was a crime for them to read, or write. They were often put to death for exemplifying any intellectual ability or creativity. And any student of color who was not obedient to the conditions is still with us. However, even under those conditions, Africans found ways to excel, to be creative, to achieve, to progress psychologically, to learn to read and write, and speak, just as many are doing today under present conditions.

But you and I know, the issue is more than money. Given the amount of money spent on education today and the level of educational achievement the results are criminal. Let me say that again. **The level at which we are educating the children in the cities is criminal and it is not the fault of the children.** Our children have never

As see it...

Commentary by
Connie Woodruff

Politicians in Newark are off and running for Mayor and City Council in the May 8 election.

It is not unexpected that the incumbents have all announced they are "running on (their) records" and that their opponents are promising they can and will do a better job serving the city.

Incumbents are always given the edge because voters know what they have and can never be sure of what they'll get. And any sitting politician worth his or her position, does a multitude of favors for particular constituents from giving out jobs to getting housing or welfare or any number of small but important favors.

Sometimes the victorious politician smiles at a family face or makes a constituent feel like an "insider" or extends a friendly hand. For reasons I don't understand, just a small gesture of comradery appears to be enough.

Of course there are just some people who drag "being on the wrong side" of a popular politician so much, they are willing to suffer indignities they would refuse to accept under any other circum-

stances. How often do we hear the allegation that the nice candidate takes on a vindictive shrew after he or she is in office? There's something about the illusion of power that makes an ordinary man and woman an insufferable bore and egomaniac. It's probably the nature of the job.

Yes, it has happened to some of Newark's elected officials, but it has also happened in Trenton, Atlantic City, Elizabeth and Paterson, to name a few cities.

Seldom are municipal elections issue-oriented. Four years ago when Newark mayor Sharpe James' strategy was to develop a series of issues people were upset about, he (James) is a gifted orator so he out-talked Gibson. He also had more charisma than the former mayor and often stood out in sharp contrast to the former mayor, a usually quiet, unflappable man.

This year Sharpe James is running unopposed. This is probably good for the mayor who can use his campaign time helping his friends.

Andy Young laid down the gubernatorial primary for governor of Georgia and spend more time in Trenton lobbying for additional funds for Newark.

However, back in Newark the mayor can take the lead in advising candidates for the city council on issues that should be addressed for the city's benefit.

The latest figures are not available, but in 1988 the National

Automobile Theft Bureau, a non-profit organization funded by 632 insurance companies, reported that the following 10 cities had the nation's highest vehicle theft rates per 100,000 people: Newark was number one, followed by Irvington.

East Orange, Camden, Boston, Elizabeth, Detroit, National City, Calif., Huntington Park, Calif. and Trenton, N.J.

That probably means Newarkers are paying exorbitant rates for automobile insurance and that many of the residents are constantly shopping around for companies that will accept them on a high risk basis.

While there are many positive changes in the quality of life in this city of 350,000 people, residents are at high risk in such diseases as substance abuse, AIDS, teenage pregnancy, lead poisoning among children, venereal disease and other ills that impact on urban America.

An uncommonly high rate of unemployment and homelessness is also prevalent in Newark where nobody has come up with a real solution for alleviating the problem.

Abused women and children, the lack of a shelter for battered women, incest and rape (alleged to be rampant in public housing), are issues that need to be addressed jointly by Mayor James and members of the Newark city council.

These problems may not have their origin in the James administration. He inherited them from many previous administrations. But

if you are not part of the solution to the immediate challenge of educating our children, you are one of the problems. So, get busy and DO THE RIGHT THINGS!

Now that I have gotten that off my chest, let's get to the real point of this commentary, the student walk out why it is one of the most important events in recent history and we may be sleeping through it.

This walkout demonstrates that some students are becoming more aware of what they are not getting. Nothing could be better for our children, or the children in other urban school districts than for them to recognize the limits of the information delivered to them.

While currently their focus is narrow and primarily directed at social and cultural deficits in their curriculum, if nurtured properly, they will be able to analyze and articulate the lack of the curriculum to serve their intellectual needs as well. That is really an awakening that few administrators or teachers really want to happen.

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Can we count on you?

A better job needs to be done in educating people about the Census. Since the Census is taken every 10 years, it would be advantageous to have ongoing educational forums and discussion groups developed in the schools, businesses and agencies to keep people informed about what it is, and to urge people to participate.

Census polling places need to be established in these institutions, manned with school children, community residents, and volunteer workers, to help people to go over directions and instructions. We have a large percentage of our population who are considered to be what is called "functionally illiterate" and face some challenges in reading, and comprehending material. An estimated 28 million people fall into this category. Their forms might not get filled out, because they don't understand what is stated in the Census Forms. They need help, but they might be reluctant to ask for it, thereby just disregarding the Census Forms.

Just designating one day to try to count the homeless is absolutely ridiculous! In addition, to just go to the shelters, and not attempt to go to the parks, subways, alleys, abandoned buildings etc., where many of the homeless are forced to just linger because of their plight, surely suggest that there is no real serious effort to get an accurate figure on these citizens.

Students must become more involved in the Census count. There needs to be a campaign developed where students are encouraged to become their teachers' ambassadors, bringing important information to them about the Census. This knowledge must be included in the Social Studies curriculums, and again I must stress, not just at Census taking time.

If you know of a neighbor or friend who might need assistance, please offer to help them fill out the forms.

Whether you agree with the process or not, it is important. Cities like Newark, Plainfield, New York etc., which have a large percentage of African American and Hispanic residents, cannot afford to lose anymore federal, state or local funds, and have a reappointment of the 435 congressional seats, as well as the redrawing of congressional and local electoral districts which will leave our com-munities underrepresented. Let's all count on each other, and participate in the 1990s Census.

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

It is only supposed to take you an estimated 14 minutes to complete, but I don't know... just reading through the 1990 U.S. Census Form Guide I can't help take the average person longer than 14 minutes, and the guide definitely needs to be read first, if you want the Census Form to be filled out correctly.

For people who are extremely important for everyone to make sure that they fill out the Census Form and make sure they are counted for a variety of reasons, some of which aren't to insure that the city or town in which you live gets its equitable share of federal and state funding for vital programs and services which are needed for people. 2) To receive fair representation in government on the federal, state, county and local government levels. 3) To help businesses as well as the government decide where to put new offices, factories, schools, roads etc.

Unfortunately, though, there will be millions of people who will not be counted in the 1990 Census. The undercount will particularly occur in communities where there are a large number of oppressed nationalities who are already suffering the hardest on the political and financial fronts. It was already estimated that the last Census count in 1980, African Americans were undercounted by approximately 66%. In actuality it probably was more, because the Hispanic American communities the figures for the undercount are just as high.

While no one can legitimately argue against having a Census count, I think that the government is going to have to come up with more creative and possibly less threatening ways, to get people to participate in this necessary process. I say less threatening, because many people simply don't believe that with all of the information that they have to provide, that only Census Bureau employees will be allowed to see the answers. In a time, when on a daily basis, we receive more "junk mail" than ever before—because of mailing lists being bought and sold between businesses and agencies—most people are reluctant to sign or give out information, for fear of being bombarded with loads of unsolicited items and material. Also, there is this fear of the "big brother" type of monitoring which some people are afraid of.

Kit Chisolm
Scotch Plains, NJ

Quote of the Week

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Martin Luther King, Jr

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RELIGION



Senator Wynona Lipman talks with former mayor Kenneth Gibson at her fundraiser at Terminal D in Newark.

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The UMDNJ thrift shop moved to larger quarters in the Martland building (former emergency room entrance). Kim Poole of Newark (pictured) selects items for her young children. Proceeds benefit the Champions Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Photo by Glen Frieson

Arts center generates jobs

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completed similar economic impact studies for many clients, including the Javits Convention Center, the City of Los Angeles and the United States Air Force.

"The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, to be built in Newark, will be a tribute to the creative spirit of our New Jersey community, as well as a source of nourishment," said Governor Florio. "As this public/private partnership builds, we will see the coming together of a real community. Not simply an arts community, not simply the Newark community, but a community which involves and benefits all New Jerseyans."

Mayor James said, "The single most dramatic change brought about by NJPAC will be the nightlife created by the hundreds of thousands of people who will be drawn to downtown Newark. They will be attracted not only by concerts and theater, but also by restaurants, cafes and the enjoyable ambience of the Performing Arts Center. The Center will provide and stimulate all the evening, weekend and daytime activities that any great city must have. This is the single most important development project in this century for Newark."

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, a private, non-profit corporation, is a partnership of the State of New Jersey, the City of Newark and the private sector, created to plan, build and operate a world-class center for the performing arts in the heart of the State's largest city. Backed by a strong commitment from a Board of Directors which includes many of New Jersey's leading citizens and the chairman and chief executives of some of the State's largest corporations, NJPAC has assembled a nationally recognized professional team of managers, planners and other experts to convert the vision into reality.

The Economic Impact Study, which was funded by the Victoria Foundation, Inc., is based on the projected completion of a Concert Hall in 1994; a Multi-Use Theatre



Orange Mayor Robert Brown with T.V. host and Newark businessman, Gus Henningburg.

Photo by Glen Frieson

in 1996; a Dance/Drama Theatre in 1998 and associated private development. The NJPAC strategy also calls for a "Cultural District,"

a master plan for the area surrounding the NJPAC site, with the goal of maximizing the stimulative effect of the NJPAC investment and creating a vibrant, privately developed context within which the NJPAC can thrive.

The analysis calculated the impact of construction and operations of NJPAC and its effect on the surrounding Cultural District; the indirect impact of NJPAC operational spending and that of its audiences; and estimates of the tax revenue flowing to the City and State as a result of the new economic activity.

The annual anticipated audience will be almost one half million by 1997 and 650,000 upon completion. That audience will spend more than \$9 million annually on restaurants, hotels, cafes, parking, transportation and shopping. When combined with artists and NJPAC operations spending, the total will reach more than \$12 million annually. The spending potential of audiences is an important factor in NJPAC planning and a key reason for creating a surrounding Cultural District with restaurants, retail and other amenities to "capture" that potential.

The study concludes that



The Congress of Sports Organizations of Newark awarded their annual Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year honors. The sportsman of the year was Miguel Medina, the Sportswoman of the year was Yolanda Rivera. Pictured with them (left) William Valentin - Essex County director of Hispanic Affairs, Luis M. Lopez (right) founder - Congress of Sports Organizations of Newark

Photo by Glen Frieson

Florio appoints James

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Mount Laurel ruling that maintained suburban communities have a constitutional obligation to provide low and moderate income housing within their borders.

Under terms of this decision, these municipalities can transfer up to 50 percent of their required housing to a receiving community to help meet pressing shelter needs.

Newark recently settled a dispute with Parsippany over the Morris County community's allocation of Mt. Laurel housing funds.

How to spot drug dependency workshop

Women for Women of Union County, Inc. invites the public to their Community Education Workshop, "Over the Counter Addictions: How To Spot A Drug Dependency" to be held on April 5, 1990, 7:00 PM at St. Paul's Church, 414 E. Broad Street, Westfield. The workshop will be presented by Ted Flynn, PhD, Pharmacologist and Substance Abuse Consultant.

RELIGIOUS

Students in Vanguard for change

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Some of the administrators are probably saying, "Let's hurry up and give them this African American History, before they start looking into the language development we are not giving them or the mathematics and reasoning that they are not getting." "Damn man, if these young folks ever analyzed the textbooks and curriculum in the suburban schools and found out the depth at which material is discussed in class, we would have a real riot on our hands." "Yeah, perhaps we had better drag this history thing out, make them really search for it. Make them think it's new stuff, that it is not really available." "After all, no need to give them anything to make them think to deeply about things. They might really be hard to teach then." "Yeah, they may even get mad..."

This article is in no way an indictment of all the teachers or administrators in any one urban

school system. The problems of less funding are real and very important. Likewise their challenges are greater. We commend the many teachers and administrators who are making a difference. They must be recognized for the differences they are making. Clearly this article is an attack on the lack of creativity, courage and direction being given by those we believe should have more answers. However in all fairness, we must point to a system of education that creates the problem. This series is therefore more a criticism of an educational system that is failing the American children and especially children of the poor. Without question, some of our best teachers and administrators are within the ranks of our urban school centers. This series of articles to appear in City News over the next three weeks is my opinion as to why educators and the system are failing our children.

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Concert pays tribute

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who will be honored at the 18th annual Good Friday Concert, sponsored by the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church for the benefit of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Hetfield, a former Plainfield mayor and councilman who served on the medical center's Board of Governors for 26 years, said he does not believe he would be happy to retire. After returning home from trips, he said he looks forward to getting back to his law books to do research and write briefs and opinions.



Making plans for the job fair are, from left, Essex County Executive Nicholas Amato; M.J. Peterson, director of the county's division of employment training; Thomas D'Elia, assistant director of the state division of employment and training; and Upsala president Robert Karsten.

Photo by Glen Frieson

There are other reasons he keeps working, he said.

"I'm a firm believer in you keep the mind active and the body won't decay. Secondly, I love the law and its practice, and third I have a duty to serve my life-long clients who haven't passed away," said Hetfield, the son of a former judge on the State Court of Appeals and Errors, now known as the New Jersey Supreme Court.

His affinity for Muhlenberg also springs from his father, the late Judge Walter Levi Hetfield.

Jr., who served on the Muhlenberg Hospital Board of Governors from 1915 to 1940.

"I helped my father when he was legal counsel to the hospital," Hetfield said. "I succeeded him in 1941 on the board and as counsel and served until 1967 when I began a two-year term as mayor of Plainfield."

The growth of the hospital has been remarkable, Hetfield said. "I can remember when it was Muhlenberg Hospital and there was no Centennial Hall (the medical center's auditorium constructed in 1977) or residences for the nurses. Now they're adding the Fitch Pavilion."

The latter is named for Thomas S.P. Fitch, M.D., who served the hospital for 50 years.

Born and raised in Plainfield, is a Dartmouth College graduate and was graduated cum laude from Mercer Beasley School of Law in Newark (now Rutgers Law School). Admitted to the New Jersey Bar as an attorney in 1954, he joined the firm of Hetfield and Hetfield with his father and brother, Walter L. Hetfield, III.

Throughout his formal education from high school through college, athletics played a prominent role in his life. He displayed qualities of leadership that have helped him with his stewardship of his law practice and several civic and community activities.

He was, for example, founder of the Plainfield Business Association, past president of the Plainfield and Union County Bar Associations, founder of the Tri-County Dartmouth Club had member emeritus of the American, New Jersey and Union County Bar Associations.

In 1985 he was given the Lowell F. Johnson Philanthropic Service Award for exemplifying the spirit of philanthropy in his work for Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and his other public service endeavors. "He also is a member of the William Augustus Muhlenberg Society and is an honorary trustee of the Muhlenberg Foundation."

"Did you see my third floor?" he asked his visitor.

"This was a dance hall many years ago," gesturing at the expansive room, one wall of which comprised his law library. "Here is a picture of my mother and father, dated 1905, five years before I was born."

Hetfield proudly pointed to several photographs of family, friends and law colleagues.

Red and white tablecloths covered three large tables flanked by folding chairs. "We used to conduct meetings (with law clients and others) up here."

"This building was built in 1871 by one of the early mayors of Plainfield," he said. A large photo of Hetfield wearing top hat, tuxedo and tails adorned one door. "That was in 1967 when as mayor, I led the Plainfield delegation down the streets of Newark during the St. Patty's Day Parade."

Proceeds from the Good Friday Concert, held Friday, April 13 at 8:15 p.m., will go to the Cardinal Catherization Laboratory which is expected to be completed at the medical center by the end of the year. For tickets, call Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church at 756-2468.

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Rep. Matt Rinaldo (R-N.J.) discusses the need for long-term care and home health care for senior citizens with Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services, left. New Jersey lawmaker met recently with the member of the Bush cabinet to seek support for his legislation that would enable insurance companies to offer low-cost, voluntary policies to seniors that would cover the costs of nursing home and home health care. Currently, the average cost of a year's stay in a nursing home in New Jersey exceeds \$30,000.

Tucker blasts cable law

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Following deregulation, the FCC adopted regulations that made it "impossible for the City of Newark to protect its citizens from rapacious rate increases, 130% in the basic tier alone." He noted that ten years after the cable franchise was issued for Newark, only 10% of the city was wired for cable.

"We firmly believe that this is the result of our cable franchise's 'redlining,' refusing or failing to extend its service to those areas of the city in which our 30,000 public housing families, 64,422 public welfare recipients and low fixed income citizens reside. Yet,

we, their elected representatives are powerless to protect or serve the interests under the Cable Communication Policy Act and your agency's rules and regulations."

Tucker complained that as the law now stands, it is virtually impossible to remove a franchise for poor service or for too high a service charge. He petitioned the hearing body to reassess present regulations and adopt a set of rules that will give local government the power to deal with franchisees who do not provide the community the service that is appropriate to its needs.

Newark students protest

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President Charles Bell and city council members.

Councilman-at-large Donald Tucker stated that there is a need for a selected group of student representatives to meet with the board and council members to discuss the issues.

The first of a series of committee meetings to address the students' concerns was held last Friday at University High School. Selected high school student representatives, parents, Assistant Executive Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Daniel Gutierrez, Assistant Executive Superintendent of Secondary Programs James Moore, and Board of Education public relations officer Kirk Smith were among the participants that attended the meeting. The students want African-American history and literature to be mandated courses.

"Not only should courses be offered in African-American culture, but other cultures as well," added Dowdell. "There is a large population of Latinos attending some of the Newark schools."

The students have requested a need for more teachers, books and assemblies to educate them about African-Americans and other cultures.

According to Dowdell, repairs are pre-sently being made to University High School. The improvement of school facilities was briefly discussed.

The students complained about the excessive teaching of European history. School officials agreed that the textbooks are slanted; even the European history has been misrepresented, said Smith. "We want to give history the credit it deserves here as well as from other countries."

Smith said one of the sugges-

tions made to improve the curriculum is to do research outside of the schools. Students could gather their information from sources such as the Public Library and the museum in Newark, then return their schools with researched information.

"The students don't want to be 'spoon-fed' he added. "They want the opportunity to prove that they are capable." According to Dowdell, the students first protested at University High on March 7. They had submitted a list of demands to Campbell for review.

"When our demands were not addressed, we decided to take further action by recruiting support of the other schools in Newark," said Dowdell.

"The students are frustrated. We want to learn about ourselves in order to develop some self respect," added Dowdell. Since the 1960s, minority groups have demanded curriculums which dealt with their problems and achievements.

The demands led to new courses presenting the culture and history for minorities in the present situation. African-American courses offered as electives are not given because of the lack of teachers according to Dowdell.

Dowdell reiterated the student protests originated in the minds of the students and no one else. There was no involvement from politicians or board members. "It was 100% student participation," he added.

Attempts were made to speak with Schools Superintendent Eugene Campbell for comments. All contacts were referred to the public relations office.

Both Smith and Dowdell indicated that the meetings will be revised and everyone is satisfied with the results.

"We are very proud on how our students are handling the news," said Smith. "They have been very orderly. We congratulate them."

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Dear Calvin:

I am a single mother. I have a three-year-old son and a one-year-old daughter each by different men. I am still dating the father of my second child. He works but he said, he doesn't want to get married yet. He's, he's too young and wants to experience life. I am seventeen and he is nineteen. I love him very much and want to wait until he is ready. But right now I need help with my children and I want to finish school. He gives me a few dollars to buy clothes for my daughter but says finishing school is no big thing. I am confused. What should I do? I want to wait until he is ready to marry me. I am not beautiful so I may not have another chance.

Confused

Dear Confused:

Stop kidding yourself. Both of you are very young. Obviously you have someone who does not understand the responsibility of supporting a family nor does he seem interested in you, and the role you must play in raising your children. A number of young women have tried your technique of waiting for their lover to come around only to find themselves with another child and their lover with another woman. Wake up! If you want to finish school, why not someone who helped to interrupt your schooling in the first place whether you should finish or not.

Dear Calvin:

I have an eleven-year-old son who wants me to stop seeing the man I am dating. He says he doesn't like my boyfriend and does not believe my boyfriend loves me. My son and I have always been very close and he has always been considerate and loving. My friend is also kind and responsible and seems to care for my son. He invites him to come with us if we go to the movies or out for dinner or for a drive. He takes my son out to wash the car with him and has played catch with him. Last week he asked me to marry him. When I told my son he began to cry and scream and said he would run away. We have always been close and the fact that he is unhappy hurts me very much. I have never seen him act this way. He pouts often and seldom talks to me. When he does he seems angry. He has even tried to hit me when I told him how awful he was acting. The other day he told my father that he hates me and wishes I was dead. I am hurt and do not know how to handle this.

Hurt

Dear Hurt:

Your son has received all your attention for eleven years. It is natural for him to feel emotionally threatened by the expectation that you may love someone else and that he will not have all your attention. If he feels you plan to marry to be as good as you say, he and your son will eventually work out the conflict. You must show that you can love both your son and your future husband. You must help him see what his responsibility may be as a father one day but at the same time be willing to correct him when he is rude or wrong. Most importantly you must give your son and future husband time and the opportunity to work their feelings out. Things could get tense but patience and love will make a big difference.

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JOE VERSUS THE VOLCANO Heaven-Seeking Dreams



I can't remember when I've relegated a film to the two-star ("Expendable") category with such regret. John Patrick Shanley, who won a well-deserved Oscar for writing "Moonstruck," has brought the same kind of reach-for-the-stars poetic sensibility to the screen in his first directorial effort, "Joe Versus the Volcano." Unfortunately, his reach exceeds his grasp. "Joe" is a fairy tale (it even begins with "Once upon a time") about an average Joe (Tom Hanks) who wastes away at an archetypically crummy job till he's told he has a terminal disease. The prospect of imminent death brings him suddenly to life. He stops indulging himself in vague, hypochondriacal nightmares and embarks on a wild adventure that involves tuxedo-clad nights-on-the-town in Manhattan, a trans-Pacific yacht cruise with a beautiful blonde (Meg Ryan), shipwreck, rescue by a tribe of Hebrew-Celtic-Druidic-Latin South Pacific islanders with a weakness for orange soda, and a final heroic, deity-appealing leap into the mouth of an angry volcano.

Clearly, this is all much more imaginatively ambitious than your usual ham-and-eggs light comedy or heavy-breathing thriller. In fact, it's a full tilt attempt to do what movies are supposed to do: help us dream out our dreams on a big scale. And Shanley's visual gestures are as grandiose as his story ideas. Joe's workplace is a vast, gray, soul-crushing factory into which trudge vast hordes of gray-suited, gray-complected workers. (The image was probably inspired by that "Metropolis.") A romantic interlude is decorated by the lights of the Manhattan skyline—but Shanley has the audacity to make them the colors of Christmas tree lights. Later, the shipwrecked Joe, delirious from dehydration, sees a moon the size of a football field and stars as they appear in a planetarium, with superimposed diagrams of the constellations. (This is a recurrent dream of mine—anybody else?)

The humor is similarly audacious. As the islanders rush to greet Joe, we realize that the Hollywood-parody headresses and neckties are made from orange soda cans, and that their native chant is "Havah Nagilah." Joe's reaction to Los Angeles is dead-on ("It looks fake; I like it," and the response of a pseudo-artsy L.A. woman to his soul-baring is telling ("I have no response to that"). Shanley has a particular weakness for the shameless metaphysical pun. Early in the film Joe ponders his broken shoe and mutters, "I think I'm losing my shoe." Even his fatal disease—a "brain cloud"—is a poetic whimsy.

This is the kind of stuff that we want to love. And some day Shanley may make films that we can love as much as we want. "Joe" will then be regarded as a promising student project. The problem is the sloppy amateurishness of the walk-which his loopy ideas are executed. The pacing is dead slow, the scenes feel Scotch taped together, and Shanley's direction of his actors is ill-conceived. He tries to match the acting style to his surreal-fantasy writing style; the result is often grotesque caricature, especially in the case of Meg Ryan, who differentiates between the three different women she plays by making two of them talk like bimbos. Shanley could do well to study fantasy films like "Brazil"; he would learn that dream characters are most convincing when their dreamlike qualities are persistent but subtle. The two actors here who seem to understand this are Ossie Davis, as a weary-wise chauffeur/guru, and Lloyd Bridges, as a twinkly-eyed robber baron. Their small parts are over too quickly.

Anyway, this picture is probably doomed. If De Niro and Penn couldn't sell a clever, well-made metaphysical comedy ("We're No Angels"), I don't see how Hanks and Ryan can sell a clever, sloppily-made one. I'd rather watch this honorable, messy, heaven-seeking failure—wherein the hero realizes that "The door to the universe is here" and "Only a few people are awake, and they live in a state of constant and total amazement"—than I would many dry, cardboard successes. But I'm probably unusual.

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The Last Wave a film about the struggle between the largely unseen, Aboriginal world and the material world of modern Australian civilization at the Cafe Cinema, Aljira, 2 Washington Place at Broad Street, 4th floor in Newark. For information call 643-6877.

Sunday, April 1

Plainfield High School Arts Festival presents Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble at 2 p.m. at the Plainfield High School Auditorium 950 Park Ave. Tickets \$25 includes reception; \$15 general admission. For further information call 753-3183.

Wednesday, April 11

WBGO-FM will salute George Wein at 8 p.m. at Carnegie Hall. The concert will feature George Benson, Kenny G, Wynton Marsalis, Billy Taylor, Joe Williams, Bill Cosby among others. Wein is the most renowned jazz impresario in the world. He created the Newport Jazz Festival. For ticket information call 212-247-7800.

Saturday, April 28

The Greek-American Folk Festival will be held on Douglass Campus, Rutgers University in New Brunswick from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesday, May 9

Inspirational gospel musical rekindles King's ministry

Plainfield, NJ—The inspirational gospel musical *I Have a Dream* will open at the Grant Avenue Community Center in Plainfield Wednesday, April 4. This is the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination.

The National Black Touring Circuit Production rekindles the spirit of the courageous ministry by the only African American to have been globally celebrated as a peace maker. The context of gospel songs, such as "The Storm is Passing Over," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Freedom at Last," "We've Come This Far by Faith," interwoven with highly personalized dramatic passages in the life of King, his wife, his father and friends brings new meaning to King's message of deliverance.

The musical will be presented at the Center's Kean-Brown Centre Stage, 403 W. 7th Street, at 8 p.m. on April 4, 5, 6, and 7, and at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 6.



The opening night audience is invited to stay after the performance for a reception to meet the touring company cast which has enacted the musical at eighty sites in the United States, Canada, Europe and Britain.

Also, post mortems, will be

offered for the audience after the Thursday evening and Friday afternoon performances. These discussions of what King's message means to us today will be led by Herman LeVen Jones, a member of the touring cast who also serves as associate producer of the National Black Touring Circuit.

and artistic director for the Centre 1990 Theatre Season. Funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, this third event in the Centre 1990 Theatre season has also received support from the Youth Group of the NAACP and six local church congregations.

Census

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Calif., moving up the list of biggest cities.

EDUCATION

Americans are better educated than ever before, thanks largely to the educational efforts of the baby boom generation.

The 1990 census is expected to show 77.7 percent of men and 76.9 percent of women aged 25 and over have completed high school and 21.9 percent of men and 15.6 percent of women are

college graduates, American Demographics magazine says.

By contrast, in 1980, 67.7 percent of men were high school grads and 20.3 percent had finished college. For women, the 66.2 percent had finished high school and 12.9 percent held college degrees.

But those gains may not continue, *American Demographics* says. "Men aged 25 to 34 are now less likely to have completed

college than were the baby boomers ten years ago. The high cost of education may be pushing young adults out of college and into the workforce," say researchers Judith Waldrop and Thomas Exeter.

HOMELESS

The 1990 census will count people "in shelters, on the streets and in halfway houses," says the bureau's Peter Bounpane. With estimates of the number of homeless ranging from 300,000 to 2 million, the bureau hopes to produce a reasonably accurate estimate of these people for the first time.

Plainfield High School celebrates E.A.R.T.H. Day

Plainfield—Members of the community are invited to join the first annual walk-a-thon sponsored by Plainfield High School's Ecology Club-E.A.R.T.H. The "Youth for the Environment" Walk-a-thon will be held on Sunday, April 22, 1990 (Raindate: Saturday, April 28, 1990). It will help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the P.H.S. Ecology Club-E.A.R.T.H. started by a group of students in 1970 with David Wong as advisor.

Participants will be asked to sign up their own sponsors for a minimum of 50 cents per kilometer. They may also make a flat donation. Proceeds for the 10 km (6 mile) walk-a-thon will benefit the Ecology Club's conservation projects and programs (E.A.R.T.H. receives no direct funding from the school).

The walk-a-thon will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Registration will take place in the student cafeteria. The walk-a-thon route will begin at the high school (Kenyon Ave. 100), proceed to Woodland Avenue, (Countryside Club area) and return to P.H.S. through Cedarbrook Park.

Plainfield High School Principal, Ted Brown encourages the public to join the walk and help improve our environment by showing support for the very important and enjoyable event. For information, contact David Wong at 753-3261 or Roma Hill at 753-3193.

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Approximately 120 kids ages 8 through 12 came out to the annual Plainfield Little League tryouts last weekend. The city's successful baseball program serves as a feeder program to the Plainfield Babe Ruth League team (13 to 15 year olds) and later on, the high school in the area.

"There's an awful lot of ballplayers that have come out of this program and gone on to star at both the high school and college level," said Shipley.

Shipley was appointed Assistant Commissioner three years

ago by John Pepe, director of Recreation for the City of Plainfield. "I enjoy it. I really do. I enjoy working with the kids and the managers are a great bunch of fellows."

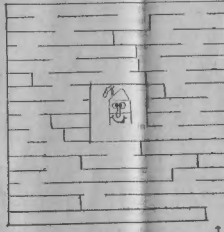
"The Little League would be a great feeder to the high school, if the kids stayed in the Plainfield school system. Many, however, choose to attend private school or move out of the district."

"We get very good ballplayers. If all the kids coming out of the system played for Plainfield High School, they'd have a super team," Shipley admitted. "When they get together for the Plainfield Babe Ruth League (during the summers), they do well."

The season begins on April 21, 9:30 a.m. at the Rock Avenue fields. The inaugural opening day ceremony will most-likely feature Mayor Harold Mitchell tossing out the first ball. Anyone interested in helping out with the league this year is urged to contact the Plainfield Recreation Department.

The weekly meeting of PT's Clubhouse has now come to order.

We would like to welcome new member, Azim R. Wiggins, of Newark who attends Louise A. Spencer School. By the way, Happy Birthday, Azim.



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Until after World War II, the Indiana state high school basketball association wouldn't allow the state's three Black schools into the party, especially the year-ending state tournament. Neither would they let the parochial schools play.

Instead, the Black schools were forced to play only the parochial schools in Indiana or make road trips that would be the envy of many small college teams. The Black teams would swing through Louisville, Ky., go to St. Louis and even into Oklahoma in search of other Black schools to play.

That eventually changed, however. Crispus Attucks of Indianapolis, Lincoln High of Evansville and Roosevelt High of Gary were finally admitted into the club known as Indiana high school basketball: Hoosier Hysteria. And that laid the groundwork for 1955.

In 1955, the first predominantly-Black high school reached the final of the Indiana high school basketball tournament. And not just one.

It was marvelous. Indianapolis Attucks is still considered one of the greatest teams to ever take the court. The leader in 1955 was a junior guard named Oscar Robertson.

The other team was Gary Roosevelt, led by senior guard Dick Barnett.

Back and fourth the two teams battled, neither one able to pull away from the other. Robertson, as the nation's fans would later see, would back in as far as Roosevelt would let him, give a head fake, then toss in that patented fade-away jumper that would later take him to the University of Cincinnati, to the National Basketball Association and, eventually, the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Every Robertson basket, however, was matched by Barnett, who would fire his left-handed rainbow over the Attucks defense, holler "Fall back, baby," and watch the ball hit nothing but net.

Attucks won that game in

1955, just as they would capture the state title again in 1956 when Robertson was named Indiana's "Mr. Basketball," in recognition as being the state's top high school player. Barnett, of course, went on to Tennessee State and, eventually, the NBA where he helped the New York Knicks win two championships.

Recently, the Knicks retired Barnett's jersey, No. 12. Finally, he thus joined Willis Reed (19), Dave DeBusschere (22), Walt Frazier (10), Bill Bradley (24) and Earl Monroe (15) as Knicks with their numbers retired. Their coach, Red Holzman, also had a banner raised high in Madison Square Garden to commemorate his 613 NBA victories in his 14

seasons.

Barnett's place in the Knicks' backcourt was taken by Monroe. But Knicks' fans still fondly remember the smooth-passing Barnett, who still would holler "Fall back, baby," when he would let fly from the outer reaches of the garden court.

In 1974, with Monroe and Frazier the Knicks' backcourt tandem, Barnett retired as a player and joined the Knicks as an assistant coach, the first on Holzman had.

The retirement of Barnett's number comes just in time to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Knicks' 1970 championship season.

Fall back, baby.



The Newark City Council recognized and commended the Malcolm X Shabazz High School 1989-1990 Men's Basketball team for its outstanding athletic achievements led by Head Coach Lou Grimsley.

Photo by Reginald Ward

Sandlot of Dreams Negro League Baseball

Now that the Major League owner's lockout is over, baseball is back and most of us, despite the way we felt during the strike, are getting back into the game.

But seeing baseball go into its usual greed negotiations every five years or so gets tiring. It makes you want to go back, back, back to the warning tracks of yesteryear, to a time when no-trade clauses, incentives, and three millions dollar contracts were unheard of.

The Negro League baseball and its stars of the early to mid-1990s is rapidly becoming a popular subject for books and movies. The old movie "Bingo Long and the Travelling All Stars" and a recent movie aired on the life of Satchel Paige underscore this trend. The colorful stars, nicknames, and folklore surrounding these immortal players help to remind us why we love this game of baseball.

It was fun just speculating how these oldtimers would compare to the Eric Davis, Kirby Puckett, and Dwight Gooden of today. It was almost like drifting into a "Field of Dreams," except the black version would be more like a "Sandlot of Dreams."

Early this century, when black ball players were not permitted to play with whites in the Major Leagues, talented Black "burnstorming" baseball teams zigzagged across the country and the Caribbean, entertaining millions and providing a source of race and civic pride to places like Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Newark.

Yes Newark. Our good-old Renaissance city was in its heyday in 1946, as the Newark Eagles, a talented group of "burnstorming" baseball players defeated the legendary Kansas City Monarchs for the 1945 Negro League championship. Larry Doby and Monte Irvin scored the winning runs in a 3-2 victory. Outside of Doby and Irvin, both Hall of Famers, Willie Mays, the Ozzie Smith of his day, and Don Newcombe also played right in Newark, on an old sandlot baseball field.

Some of the more celebrated Negro stars were Satchel Paige - the game's main gate attraction, Josh Gibson and Buck Leonard (dubbed the black Ruth and Maris tandem), Oscar Charleston, Cool Papa Bell, Smoke Joe Williams, John Henry Lloyd. The list goes on and on.

I can picture sitting on an old, creaky porch by a lake in the deep

A VIEW FROM THE SIDELINE

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south with nothing to do but be entertained by the captivating folk tales of an old baseball-loving uncle from Alabama.

You think Ricky Henderson was fast, boy, he might say, "you shoulda seen Cool Papa Bell. Some say was so fast, he would get called out on a single up the middle because the ball would hit him sliding into second."

You think Dwight Gooden can pitch, son? You should have seen old Satchel Paige. They said he used to walk the bases loaded just to pitch to the most-feared hitter in Negro League history, Josh Gibson, and then strike him out."

Reading about Negro League baseball was so much more refreshing than seeing Don Fehr's glum-faced stare on the news every night.

Not only could these brothers play the game, but they did it with style. You could see a Lena Horne throwing out the first ball in an East-West "Colored" all-star game in front of 50,000 black folks. Rube Foster, the founding father of the first professional Negro League, had his team riding to the games wearing Pullman stretch limos, with all the players dressed to impress.

I encourage you to pick up books like Don Rogossin's "Invisible Man" or Robert Peterson's "Only the Ball Was White" at your local library. The excitement, the pageantry, the nostalgia, and the comical anecdotes which accompanied this storied era of our history will be a heartwarming and refreshing change from the baseball of today.

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